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February 12, 2014

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AMEND 17  
MASTER AGREEMENTS FOR AS-NEEDED MEDIA SERVICES**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on April 9, 2013, to execute amendments to 17 Master Agreements for media services to add and/or change terms and conditions to conform to changes in federal, State, and/or County laws, regulations, and /or policies, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will execute amendments to the 17 Master Agreements for media services to: 1) update standard County provisions including Background and Security Investigations, Facsimile Representations, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright, Publicity, and Subcontracting; and 2) add the following County provisions: Reports, Time Off for Voting, and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the amendments as to form and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

JEF:av  
DA# 02831

Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Contract Number: PH-XXXXXX

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES / DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
MASTER AGREEMENT FOR MEDIA SERVICES

Amendment Number 1

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 (hereafter "Execution Date"),

by and between COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter  
"County"),  
and XXXXXXXX (hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, the County and Contractor entered into a Master Agreement to  
provide as-needed media services for the Department of Public Health dated April 9,  
2013, and further identified as Master Agreement Number PH-XXXXXX, and any  
amendments thereto (all hereafter referred to as "Master Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, under the authority delegated to the Director of DPH, or his  
designee, by the Board of Supervisors on April 9, 2013, as well as provisions of Master  
Agreement, Paragraph 8.1 Amendments, Sub-Paragraph 8.1.1, it is the intent of the  
parties hereto to amend the Master Agreement to update certain terms and conditions  
to the Master Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Master Agreement provides that changes in accordance to Paragraph 8.1, Amendments may be made in the form of an Amendment which is formally approved and executed by the parties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall commence and be effective on the Execution Date.
2. Paragraph 1.0 "Applicable Documents" is hereby amended to redesignate Exhibit I "Subsequent Executed Work Orders" as Exhibit K.
3. Paragraph 1.0 "Applicable Documents" is hereby amended to add Exhibit I, **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA)**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
4. Paragraph 4.0 "Term of Master Agreement" shall be amended to remove Sub-Paragraph 4.4 in its entirety.
5. Paragraph 7.5 "Background and Security Investigations" is hereby amended to delete and replace in its entirety Sub-Paragraphs 7.5.1 and 7.5.2 as follows:

"7.5.1 Each of Contractor's staff performing services under this Master Agreement, who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by County in County's sole discretion, shall undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Master Agreement. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California

Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation. County shall perform the background check and bill Contractor for the cost.

- 7.5.2 If a member of Contractor's staff who is in a designated sensitive position does not obtain work clearance through the criminal history background review, they may not be placed and/or assigned within the Department of Public Health. During the term of the master Agreement, the department may receive subsequent information criminal information. If this subsequent information constitutes a job nexus, the Contractor shall immediately remove staff from performing services under the Master Agreement Work Order and replace such staff within fifteen (15) days of removal or within an agreed upon time with the County. Pursuant to an agreement with the Federal Department of Justice, the County will not provide to Contractor nor to Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County's criminal history review."

6. Paragraph 7.6 "Confidentiality" is hereby amended to delete and replace Sub-Paragraph 7.6.5 in its entirety as follows:

"7.6.5 Contractor shall cause each employee performing services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit G4.

OR

Contractor shall cause each non-employee performing services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit G4."

7. Paragraph 8.14 "County's Quality Assurance Plan" is hereby amended to include Sub-Paragraph 8.14.3 as follows:

"8.14.3 The County maintains databases that track/monitor contractor performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the County will exercise a contract term extension option."

8. Paragraph 8.17 "Facsimile Representations" is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety as follows:

#### **"8.17 FACSIMILE REPRESENTATIONS**

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to accept facsimile representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on time-sensitive Amendments prepared pursuant to Sub-Paragraph 8.1, and received via communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this Master Agreement. The facsimile transmissions of such documents must be followed by subsequent (non-facsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents within five working days."

9. Paragraph 8.36 "Publicity" will be replaced in its entirety as follows:

#### **"8.36 PUBLICITY**

8.36.1 Contractor agrees that all materials, public announcements, literature, audiovisuals, and printed materials utilized in association with this Contract, shall have prior written approval from the Director or his/her designee prior to its publication, printing, duplication, and implementation with this Contract. All such materials, public announcements, literature, audiovisuals, and printed material shall include an acknowledgement that funding for such public announcements, literature, audiovisuals, and printed materials was made possible by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health and other applicable funding sources.

8.36.2 For the purposes of this Contract, all such items shall include, but not be limited to, written materials (e.g., curricula, text for vignettes, text for public service announcements for any and all media types, pamphlets, brochures, fliers), audiovisual materials (e.g., films, videotapes), and pictorials (e.g., posters and similar promotional and educational materials using photographs, slides, drawings, or paintings).

10. Master Agreement, Paragraph 8.37 "Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement" is hereby amended to redesignate Sub-Paragraph 8.37.2 as Paragraph 8.37.4 and Sub-Paragraph 8.37.3 as 8.37.5, and to add Sub-Paragraphs 8.37.2, 8.37.3 and 8.37.6 as follows:

"8.37.2 Program and Audit/Compliance Review: In the event County representatives conduct a program review and/or an audit/compliance review of Contractor, Contractor shall fully cooperate with County's representatives. Contractor shall allow County representatives access to all records of services rendered and all financial records and reports pertaining to this Master Agreement and subsequent MAWOs and shall allow photocopies to be made of these documents utilizing Contractor's photocopier, for which County shall reimburse Contractor its customary charge for record copying services, if requested. Director shall provide Contractor with at least ten (10) working days prior written notice of

any audit /compliance review, unless otherwise waived by Contractor.

County may conduct a statistical sample audit/compliance review of all claims paid by County during a specified period. The sample shall be determined in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. An exit conference shall be held following the performance of such audit/compliance review at which time the result shall be discussed with Contractor. Contractor shall be provided with a copy of any written evaluation reports.

Contractor shall have the opportunity to review County's findings on Contractor, and Contractor shall have thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of County's audit/compliance review results to provide documentation to County representatives to resolve the audit exceptions. If, at the end of the thirty (30) calendar day period, there remains audit exceptions which have not been resolved to the satisfaction of County's representatives, then the exception rate found in the audit, or sample, shall be applied to the total County payment made to Contractor for all claims paid during the audit/compliance review period to determine Contractor's liability to



County. County may withhold any claim for payment by Contractor for any month or months for any deficiency(ies) not corrected.

8.37.3 Independent Audit: Contractor's financial records shall be audited by an independent auditor in compliance with Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular Number A-133. The audit shall be made by an independent auditor in accordance with Governmental Financial Auditing Standards developed by the Comptroller General of the United States, and any other applicable federal, State, or County statutes, policies, or guidelines. Contractor shall complete and file such audit report(s) with the County's DPH Contract Monitoring Division no later than the earlier of thirty (30) days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or nine (9) months after the end of the audit period.

If the audit report(s) is not delivered by contractor to County within the specified time, Director may withhold all payments to Contractor under all MAWOs between County and contractor until such report(s) is delivered to County.

The independent auditor's work papers shall be retained for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of the report, unless the auditor is notified in writing by County to extend the retention

period. Audit work paper shall be made available for review by federal, State, or County representative upon request.

8.37.6 Preservation of Records: If following termination of this Master Agreement Contractor's facility is closed or if ownership of Contractor changes, within forty-eight (48) hours thereafter, the Director is to be notified thereof by Contractor in writing and arrangements are to be made by contractor for preservation of the client/patient and financial records referred to hereinabove."

11. Paragraph 8.39, "Subcontracting" is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety as follows:

**"8.39 SUBCONTRACTING**

8.39.1 For purpose of this Master Agreement, subcontracts must be approved in advance in writing by Director or his/her authorized designee(s). Contractor request to Director for approval of a subcontract shall include:

- (1) Identification of the proposed subcontractor, (who shall be licensed as appropriate for provision of subcontract services), and an explanation of why and how the proposed subcontractor was selected, including the degree of competition involved.
- (2) A detailed description of the services to be provided by the subcontract.

- (3) The proposed subcontract amount and manner of compensation, if any, together with Contractor's cost or price analysis thereof.
- (4) A copy of the proposed subcontract. (Any later modification of such subcontract shall take the form of a formally written subcontract amendment which also must be approved in writing by the Director in the same manner as described above, before such amendment is effective.)
- (5) Any other information and/or certification(s) requested by Director.

8.39.2 Director shall review Contractor's request to subcontract and shall determine, in his/her sole discretion, whether or not to consent to such a request on a case-by-case basis.

8.39.3 Subcontracts shall be made in the name of Contractor and shall not bind nor purport to bind County. The making of subcontracts hereunder shall not relieve Contractor of any requirement under this Master Agreement, including, but not limited to, the duty to properly supervise and coordinate the work of subcontractors. Further, Director's approval of any subcontract shall also not be construed to limit in any way, any of County's rights or remedies contained in this Master Agreement.

- 8.39.4 In the event that Director consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for any and all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors, and their officers, employees, and agents.
- 8.39.5 In the event that Director consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall be provisional, and shall not waive the County's right to later withdraw that consent when such action is deemed by County to be in its best interest. County shall not be liable or responsible in any way to Contractor, or any subcontractor, for any liability, damages, costs, or expenses, arising from or related to County's exercising of such a right.
- 8.39.6 The County's consent to subcontract shall not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including Subcontractor employees, providing services under this Master Agreement. The Contractor is responsible to notify its Subcontractors of this County right.
- 8.39.7 Subcontracts shall contain the following provision: "this contract is a subcontract under the terms of a prime contract with the County of Los Angeles and shall be subject to all of the provisions of such prime contract." Further, Contractor shall also reflect as subcontractor requirements in the subcontract form all of the requirements of the INDEMNIFICATION, GENERAL

PROVISIONS FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGES,  
INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, COMPLIANCE  
WITH APPLICABLE LAW, CONFLICT OF TERMS and  
ALTERATION OF TERMS paragraphs of the body of this Master Agreement, and all of the provisions of the resulting MAWOs.

Contractor shall deliver to Director a fully executed copy of each subcontract entered into by Contractor, as it pertains to the provision of services under this Agreement, on or immediately after the effective date of the subcontract, but in no event, later than the date and any services are to be performed under the subcontract.

8.39.8 The Contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance which establish that the Subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved Subcontractor.

8.39.9 Director is hereby authorized to act for and on behalf of County pursuant to this Paragraph, including but not limited to, consenting to any subcontracting.

8.39.10 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every Subcontractor in the

same manner and to the same degree as if such Subcontractor(s) were the Contractor employees.

8.39.11 The Contractor shall remain fully responsible for all performances required under this Contract, including those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.

12. Paragraph 8.52, "Reports" is hereby added to the agreement as follows:

**"8.52 REPORTS**

Contractor shall make reports as required by County, or DPH, concerning Contractor's activities and operations as they relate to this Master Agreement and the provision of services hereunder. In no event, however may County, or DPH, require such reports unless Director has provided Contractor with at least thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notification thereof. Director's notification shall provide Contractor with a written explanation of the procedures for reporting the information required."

13. Paragraph 8.53, "Time Off for Voting" is hereby added to the agreement as follows:

**"8.53 TIME OFF FOR VOTING**

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law (Elections Code Section 14000). Not less than 10 days before every statewide election, every Contractor and

subcontractors shall keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of Section 14000.

14. Paragraph 9.1, "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety as follows:

**"9.1 HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA)**

Contractor shall be required to comply with the Administrative Simplification requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) as in effect and as may be amended, as contained in Exhibit I.

There are 3 options for HIPAA language:

Covered Entity – Contractor provides direct patient care and by definition must not only have access to patient medical records but also provides input into the content of the patient's medical record.

Business Associate – Contractor provides services to a HIPAA-impacted department and in the course of the provision of the Agreement services on behalf of the County, creates, has access to, transmits, or maintains patient medical records/patient information, and in most cases, creating,

having access to, transmitting or maintaining patient medical records/patient information is necessary to perform the services.

Inadvertent Access – Contractor is neither a Covered Entity nor Business Associate. Contractor or its employees are not intended to have access to patient medical records/patient information, but in the course of the performance of Agreement services, may have inadvertent access to such records.

For each Master Agreement Work Order, the applicable HIPAA provision will be determined and included in the MAWO."

15. Paragraph 9.3 "Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright" will be replaced in its entirety as follows:

**"9.3 OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS, SOFTWARE AND COPYRIGHT**

9.3.1 Contractor agrees that all public announcements, literature, audiovisuals, and printed material developed or acquired by Contractor or otherwise, in whole or in part, under this Contract, and all works based thereon, incorporated therein, or derived there from, shall be the sole property of County.

9.3.2 Contractor hereby assigns and transfers to County in perpetuity for all purposes all Contractors' rights, title, and interest in and to



all such items including, but not limited to, all unrestricted and exclusive copyrights and all renewals and extensions thereof.

9.3.3 With respect to any such items which come into existence after the commencement date of the Contract, Contractor shall assign and transfer to County in perpetuity for all purposes, without any additional consideration, all Contractor's rights, title, and interest in and to all items, including, but not limited to, all unrestricted and exclusive copyrights and all renewals and extensions thereof.

9.3.4 During the term of this Contract and for five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor shall maintain and provide security for all of the Contractor's working papers prepared under this Contract. County shall have the right to inspect, copy and use at any time during and subsequent to the term of this Contract, any and all such working papers and all information contained therein.

9.3.5 Any and all materials, software and tools which are developed or were originally acquired by the Contractor outside the scope of this Contract, which the Contractor desires to use hereunder, and which the Contractor considers to be proprietary or confidential, must be specifically identified by the Contractor to the County's Project Manager as proprietary or confidential, and shall be

plainly and prominently marked by the Contractor as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" on each appropriate page of any document containing such material.

- 9.3.6 If directed to do so by County, Contractor will place the county name, its department names and/or its marks and logos on all items developed under this Contract. If also directed to do so by County, Contractor shall affix the following notice to all items developed under this Contract: "© Copyright 2012 (or such other appropriate date of first publication), County of Los Angeles. All Rights Reserved." Contractor agrees that it shall not use the County name, its department names, its program names, and/or its marks and logos on any materials, documents, advertising, or promotional pieces, whether associated with work performed under this Contract or for unrelated purposes, without first obtaining the express written consent of County.

For the purposes of this Contract, all such items shall include, but not be limited to, written materials (e.g, curricula, text for vignettes, press releases, advertisements, text for public service announcements for any and all media types, pamphlets, brochures, fliers), software, audiovisual materials (e.g., films, videotapes, websites), and pictorials (e.g., posters and similar

promotional and educational materials using photographs, slides, drawings, or paintings)."

16. Paragraph 9.11, "Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program" is hereby added to the agreement as follows:

**"9.11 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM**

9.11.1 This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code.

9.11.2 Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.

9.11.3 Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.

9.11.4 If Contractor has obtained certification as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

- (1) Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
- (2). In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent of the amount of the contract; and
- (3) Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the

state and ISD of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.”

17. Table of Contents of Exhibits is hereby amended to redesignate Exhibit I “Subsequent Executed Work Orders” as Exhibit K.

18. Table of Contents of Exhibits is hereby amended to add Exhibit I” Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

19. Exhibit A, “County’s Administration”, is replaced in its entirety and attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

20. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Master Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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## COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

MASTER AGREEMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

### COUNTY MASTER AGREEMENT PROJECT DIRECTOR (MAPD):

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### COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER:

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**HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT  
(HIPAA)**

**SPECIFIC HIPAA REQUIREMENT WILL VARY BY WORK ORDER**

**CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION AS A "COVERED ENTITY" UNDER THE HEALTH  
INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) OF 1996**

The parties acknowledge the existence of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations ("HIPAA"). Contractor understands and agrees that, as a provider of medical treatment services, it is a "covered entity" under HIPAA and, as such, has obligations with respect to the confidentiality, privacy and security of patient's medical information, and must take certain steps to preserve the confidentiality of this information, both internally and externally, including the training of its staff and the establishment of proper procedures for the release of such information, and the use of appropriate consents and authorizations specified under HIPAA.

The parties acknowledge their separate and independent obligations with respect to HIPAA, and that such obligations relate to transactions and code sets, privacy, and security. Contractor understands and agrees that it is separately and independently responsible for compliance with HIPAA in all these areas and that County has not undertaken any responsibility for compliance on Contractor's behalf. Contractor has not relied, and will not in any way rely, on County for legal advice or other representations with respect to Contractor's obligations under HIPAA, but will independently seek its own counsel and take the necessary measures to comply with the law and its implementing regulations.



Contractor and county understand and agree that each is independently responsible for HIPAA compliance and agree to take all necessary and reasonable actions to comply with the requirements of the HIPAA laws and implementing regulations related to transactions and code sets, privacy and security.

Each party further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party (including their officers, employees, and agents), for damages to the other party that are attributable to such failure.

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**CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION AS OTHER THAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATE  
(INADVERTENT ACCESS) UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) OF 1996**

It is the intention of the parties that Contractor will provide the County with de-identified data. Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that the provision of services under this Contract does not require or permit access by Contractor or any of its officers, employees, or agents to any patient medical records. Accordingly, Contractor shall instruct its officers, employees, and agents that they are not to pursue or gain access to patient medical records for any reason whatsoever.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that, in the course of the provision of services hereunder, Contractor or its officers, employees, or agents may have inadvertent access to patient medical records. Contractor understands and agrees that neither it nor its officers, employees, and agents are to take advantage of such access for any purpose whatsoever. Additionally, in the event of such inadvertent access, Contractor and its employees shall maintain the confidentiality of any information obtained and shall

notify the applicable DPH Program Director that such access has been gained immediately or upon the first reasonable opportunity to do so.

In the event of any access, whether inadvertent or intentional, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, or agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to actions, claims, costs, demands, expenses, and fees (including attorney and expert witness fees) arising from or connected with Contractor's or its officers', employees', or agents' access to patient medical records. Contractor agrees to provide appropriate training to its employees regarding their obligation as described herein in this regard.

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**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE  
PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 ("HIPAA")**

County is a Covered Entity as defined by, and subject to the requirements and prohibitions of, the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, the "HIPAA Rules").

Contractor performs or provides functions, activities or services to County that require Contractor in order to provide such functions, activities or services to create, access, receive, maintain, and/or transmit information that includes or that may include Protected Health Information as defined by the HIPAA Rules and is therefore subject to those provisions of the HIPAA Rules that are applicable to Business Associates.

The HIPAA Rules require a written agreement ("Business Associate Agreement") between County and Contractor in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and these HIPAA Rules prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Contractor if such an agreement is not in place.

This Business Associate Agreement and its provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information disclosed to or used by Contractor in compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.

1.2 "Business Associate" has the same meaning as the term "business associate" at C.F.R § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, a "business associate" is a person or entity, other than a member of the workforce of covered entity, who performs functions or activities on behalf of, or provides certain services to a covered entity that involve access by the business associate to Protected Health Information. A "business associate" also is a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of another business associate. And in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement "Business Associate" shall mean Contractor.

1.3 "Covered Entity" has the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 CFR § 160.103, and in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement, "Covered Entity" shall mean County.

1.4 "Data Aggregation" has the same meaning as the term "data aggregation at 45 C.F.R. Data Aggregation" has the same meaning as the term "data aggregation at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501. 164.501.

1.5 "De-identification" refers to the de-identification standard at 45 C.F.R. 164.514.

1.6 "Designated Record Set" has the same meaning as the term "designated record set" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.

1.7 "Disclose" and "Disclosure" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its workforce. (See 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.)

1.8 "Electronic Health Record" means an electronic record of health-related information on and individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff. (See 42 U.S.C. § 17921.)

1.9 "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, electronic media means (1) Electronic storage material on which data is or may be recorded electronically, including, for example, devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; (2) Transmission media include, for example, the Internet, extranet or intranet, leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media if the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form immediately before the transmission.

1.10 Electronic Protected Health Information” has the same meaning as the term “electronic protected health information” at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to Protected Health Information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.

1.11 Health Care Operations” has the meaning as the term “health care operations” at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.

1.12 Individual” has the same meaning as the term “individual” at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, Individual means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R § 164.502 (g).

1.13 Law Enforcement Official” has the same meaning as the term “law enforcement official” at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.

1.14 Minimum Necessary” refers to the minimum necessary standard at 45 C.F.R. § 162.502 (b).

1.15 Protected Health Information” has the same meaning as the term “protected health information” in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Protected Health Information includes information that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is created, maintained, or transmitted

by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, and includes Protected Health Information that is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Protected Health Information.

1.16 "Required By Law" has the same meaning as the term "required by law" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.

1.17 "Secretary" has the same meaning as the term "secretary" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

1.18 "Security Incident" has the same meaning as the term "security incident" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.304.

1.19 "Services" means, unless otherwise specified, those functions, activities, or services in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, or Purchase Order or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

1.20 "Subcontractor" has the same meaning as the term "subcontractor" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

1.21 "Unsecured Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.

1.22 "Use" or "Uses" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations. (See 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.)

1.23 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Business Associate Agreement, have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Rules.

2. PERMITTED AND REQUIRED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

2.1 Business Associate may only Use and/or Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary to perform Services, and/or as necessary to comply with the obligations of this Business Associate Agreement.

2.2 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information for de-identification of the information if de-identification of the information is required to provide Services.

2.3 Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as Required by Law.

2.4 Business Associate shall make Uses and Disclosures and requests for Protected Health Information consistent with the applicable Covered Entity's Minimum Necessary policies and procedures.

2.5 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

2.6 Business Associate may Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities, provided the Disclosure is Required by Law.

2.7 Business Associate may provide Data Aggregation services relating to Covered Entity's Health Care Operations if such Data Aggregation services are necessary in order to provide Services.

3. PROHIBITED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

3.1 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement or as Required by Law.

3.2 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in a manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 if done by Covered Entity, except for the specific Uses and Disclosures set forth in Sub-Paragraph 2.5 and 2.6 above.

3.3 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for de-identification of the information except as set forth in Sub-Paragraph 2.2 above.

#### 4. OBLIGATIONS TO SAFEGUARD PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

4.1 Business Associate shall implement, use, and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.

4.2 Business Associate shall comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.

#### 5. REPORTING NON-PERMITTED USES OR DISCLOSURES, SECURITY INCIDENTS, AND BREACHES OF UNSECURED PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

5.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information not permitted by this Business Associate Agreement, any Security Incident, and/ or any Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information as further described in Sub-Paragraph 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 below.



5.1.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors not provided for by this Agreement of which Business Associate becomes aware.

5.1.2 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.

5.1.3 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Breach by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents, workforce members, or Subcontractors of Unsecured Protected Health Information that is known to Business Associate or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Business Associate. Business Associate shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of Business Associate, including a Subcontractor, as determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency.

5.2 Except as provided in Sub-Paragraph 5.3, for any reporting required by Sub-Paragraph 5.1, Business Associate shall provide, to the extent available, all information required by, and within the time frames specified in, Sub-Paragraphs 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.

5.2.1 Business Associate shall make an immediate telephonic report upon discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information to **(562) 940-3335** that minimally includes:

(a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and the date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;

(b) The number of Individuals whose Protected Health Information is involved;

(c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved);

(d) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledgeable of the facts and circumstances of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach.

5.2.2. Business Associate shall make a written report without unreasonable delay and in no event later than three (3) business days from the date of discovery by Business Associate of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident, or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information and to the **Chief Privacy Officer at: Chief Privacy Officer, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Suite 525, Los Angeles, California 90012, HIPAA@auditor.lacounty.gov**, that includes, to the extent possible:

(a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and

the date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;

(b) The number of Individuals whose Protected Health Information is involved;

(c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved);

(d) The identification of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed;

(e) Any other information necessary to conduct an assessment of whether notification to the Individual(s) under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404 is required;

(f) Any steps Business Associate believes that the Individual(s) could take to protect him or herself from potential harm from the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach;

(g) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate, to mitigate harm to the Individual(s), and to protect against any further similar occurrences; and

(h) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledgeable of the facts and circumstances of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach.

5.2.3 If Business Associate is not able to provide the information specified in Sub-paragraphs 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 at the time of the required report, Business Associate shall provide such information promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.

(a) Business Associate may delay the notification required by Sub-paragraph 5.1.3, if a law enforcement official states to Business Associate that notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security.

(b) If the law enforcement official's statement is in writing and specifies the time for which a delay is required, Business Associate shall delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) for the time period specified by the official.

(c) If the statement is made orally, Business Associate shall document the statement, including the identity of the official making the statement, and delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) temporarily and no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement as described in Sub-paragraph 5.3.1 is submitted during that time.

## 6. WRITTEN ASSURANCES OF SUBCONTRACTORS

6.1 In accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (e)(1)(ii) and § 164.308 (b)(2), if applicable, Business Associate shall ensure that any Subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business

Associate is made aware of its status as a Business Associate with respect to such information and that Subcontractor agrees in writing to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to Business Associate with respect to such information.

6.2 Business Associate shall take reasonable steps to cure any material breach or violation by Subcontractor of the agreement required by Sub-paragraph 6.1.

6.3 If the steps required by Sub-paragraph 6.2 do not cure the breach or end the violation, Contractor shall terminate, if feasible, any arrangement with Subcontractor by which Subcontractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate.

6.4 If neither cure nor termination as set forth in Sub-paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 is feasible, Business Associate shall immediately notify County.

6.5 Without limiting the requirements of Sub-paragraph 6.1, the agreement required by Sub-paragraph 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) shall require Subcontractor to contemporaneously notify Covered Entity in the event of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information.

6.6 Without limiting the requirements of Sub-paragraph 6.1, agreement required by Sub-paragraph 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) shall include a provision requiring Subcontractor to destroy, or in the alternative to return to Business Associate, any Protected Health Information created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Subcontractor on behalf of Business Associate so as to enable Business Associate to comply with the provisions of Sub-paragraph 18.4.

6.7 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, at Covered Entity's request, a copy of any and all Subcontractor Business Associate Agreements required by Sub-paragraph 6.1.

6.8 Sub-paragraphs 6.1 and 6.7 are not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Subcontracts or Subcontracting in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

## 7. ACCESS TO PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

7.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall, within two (2) business days after receipt of a request from Covered Entity, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and shall provide such Individuals(s) or other person(s) designated by Covered Entity with a copy the specified Protected Health Information, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.

7.2 If any Individual requests access to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within two (2) days of the receipt of the request. Whether access shall be provided or denied shall be determined by Covered Entity.

7.3 To the extent that Business Associate maintains Protected Health Information that is subject to access as set forth above in one or more Designated

Record Sets electronically and if the Individual requests an electronic copy of such information, Business Associate shall provide the Individual with access to the Protected Health Information in the electronic form and format requested by the Individual, if it is readily producible in such form and format; or, if not, in a readable electronic form and format as agreed to by Covered Entity and the Individual.

#### 8. AMENDED OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

8.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, make any amendments to such Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.

8.2 If any Individual requests an amendment to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of the request. Whether an amendment shall be granted or denied shall be determined by Covered Entity.

#### 9. ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

9.1 Business Associate shall maintain an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its employees, agents, representatives or Subcontractors, as is determined by Covered Entity to be necessary in order to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

9.1.1 Any accounting of disclosures provided by Business Associate under Sub-paragraph 9.1 shall include:

- (a) The date of the Disclosure;
- (b) The name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information;
- (c) A brief description of the Protected Health Information Disclosed; and
- (d) A brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure.

9.1.2 For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under Sub-paragraph 9.1, Business Associate shall document the information specified in Sub-paragraph 9.1.1, and shall maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure.

9.2 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with Sub-paragraph 9.1.1 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

9.3 If any Individual requests an accounting of disclosures directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of the request, and shall provide the requested accounting of disclosures to the Individual(s) within 30 days. The information provided in the accounting shall be in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

## 10. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE HIPAA RULES



10.1 To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to Covered Entity's performance of such obligation(s).

10.2 Business Associate shall comply with all HIPAA Rules applicable to Business Associate in the performance of Services.

#### 11. AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

11.1 Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity available to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations.

11.2 Unless prohibited by the Secretary, Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

#### 12. MITIGATION OF HARMFUL EFFECTS

Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement that is known to Business Associate.

#### 13. BREACH NOTIFICATION TO INDIVIDUALS

13.1 Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors, provide

breach notification to the Individual in a manner that permits Covered Entity to comply with its obligations under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404.

13.1.1 Business Associate shall notify, subject to the review and approval of Covered Entity, each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed as a result of any such Breach.

13.1.2 The notification provided by Business Associate shall be written in plain language, shall be subject to review and approval by Covered Entity, and shall include, to the extent possible:

(a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the Discovery of the Breach, if known;

(b) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);

(c) Any steps the Individual should take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the Breach;

(d) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to Individual(s), and to protect against any further Breaches; and

(e) Contact procedures for Individual(s) to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.

13.2 Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, may elect to provide the notification required by Sub-paragraph 13.1 and/or to establish the contact procedures described in Sub-paragraph 13.1.2.

13.3 Business Associate shall reimburse Covered Entity any and all costs incurred by Covered Entity, in complying with Subpart D of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, including but not limited to costs of notification, internet posting, or media publication, as a result of Business Associate's Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information; Covered Entity shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by Business Associate in providing the notification required by Sub-paragraph 13.1 or in establishing the contact procedures required by Sub-paragraph 13.1.2.

#### 14. INDEMNIFICATION

14.1 Business Associate shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Covered Entity, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), and penalties and/or fines (including regulatory penalties and/or fines), arising from or connected with Business Associate's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Business Associate Agreement, including, but not limited to, compliance and/or enforcement actions and/or activities, whether formal or informal, by the Secretary or by the Attorney General of the State of California.

14.2 Sub-paragraph 14.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Insurance and/or Indemnification in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

## 15. OBLIGATIONS OF A COVERED ENTITY

15.1 Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own Uses and Disclosures accordingly.

15.2 Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 if done by Covered Entity, except to the extent that Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as provided in Sub-paragraphs 2.3, 2.5, and 2.6.

## 16. TERM

16.1 Unless sooner terminated as set forth in Sub-paragraph 17, the term of this Business Associate Agreement shall be the same as the term of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

16.2 Notwithstanding Sub-paragraph 16.1, Business Associate's obligations under Sub-paragraphs 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, 6.1, and 9.1, 10.1, 11.1, 11.2, and 18.1 to 18.4 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement.

## 17. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

17.1 In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, if either party determines that

the other party has violated a material term of this Business Associate Agreement, and the breaching party has not cured the breach or ended the violation within the time specified by the non-breaching party, which shall be reasonable given the nature of the breach and/or violation, the non-breaching party may terminate this Business Associate Agreement.

17.2 In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, if either party determines that the other party has violated a material term of this Business Associate Agreement, and cure is not feasible, the non-breaching party may terminate this Business Associate Agreement immediately.

#### 18. DEPOSITION OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION

18.1 Except as provided in Sub-paragraph 18.3, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate shall return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, shall destroy as provided for in Section 18.2, all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, that Business Associate, including any Subcontractor, still maintains in any form. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.

18.2 Destruction for purposes of Section 18.2 and Section 6.1.2 shall mean that media on which the Protected Health Information is stored or recorded has been destroyed and/or electronic media have been cleared, purged, or destroyed in accordance with the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary

in guidance for rendering Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals.

18.3 Notwithstanding Sub-paragraph 18.1, in the event that Business Associate determines that any such Protected Health Information is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities, Business Associate may retain that Protected Health Information which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities and shall return or destroy all other Protected Health Information.

18.3.1 Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such Protected Health Information, including continuing to use appropriate safeguards and continuing to comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for in Sub-paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6 for so long as such Protected Health Information is retained, and Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose such Protected Health Information other than for the purposes for which such Protected Health Information was retained.

18.3.2 Business Associate shall return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroy the Protected Health Information retained by Business Associate when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for Business Associate's proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

18.4 Business Associate shall ensure that all Protected Health Information created, maintained, or received by Subcontractors is returned or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroyed as provided for in Sub-paragraph 18.2.

19. AUDIT, INSPECTION, AND EXAMINATION

19.1 Covered Entity reserves the right to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, information systems, books, records, agreements, and policies and procedures relating to the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information for the purpose determining whether Business Associate is in compliance with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement and any non-compliance may be a basis for termination of this Business Associate Agreement and the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, as provided for in Sub-paragraph 17.

19.2 Covered Entity and Business Associate shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing, and location of any such inspection.

19.3 At Business Associate's request, and to the extent permitted by law, Covered Entity shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the parties.

19.4 That Covered Entity inspects, fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect as provided for in Sub-paragraph 19.1 does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Business Associate Agreement and/or the HIPAA Rules or impose on Covered Entity any responsibility for Business Associate's compliance with any applicable HIPAA Rules.

19.5 Covered Entity's failure to detect, its detection but failure to notify Business Associate, or its detection but failure to require remediation by Business Associate of an unsatisfactory practice by Business Associate, shall not constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under this Business Associate Agreement or the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

19.6 Sub-paragraph 19.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Inspection and/or Audit and/or similar review in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

## 20. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

20.1 Disclaimer. Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with the terms and conditions of this Business Associate Agreement will be adequate or satisfactory to meet the business needs or legal obligations of Business Associate.

20.2 HIPAA Requirements. The Parties agree that the provisions under HIPAA Rules that are required by law to be incorporated into this Amendment are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.

20.3 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.



20.4 Construction. In the event that a provision of this Business Associate Agreement is contrary to a provision of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, the provision of this Business Associate Agreement shall control. Otherwise, this Business Associate Agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

20.5 Regulatory References. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or as amended.

20.6 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits the parties to comply with the HIPAA Rules.

20.7 Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity or Business Associate to comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules and any other privacy laws governing Protected Health Information.